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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Amendment

This Office Action is in response to an application made on December 13, 2005.

Claims 1-2, 6-7, 9, 11-12, 16-19, 21-24, and 26-29 have been amended in this application.

Claims 1-30 are currently pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Parasnis (6728753).

Regarding claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, and 26, Parasnis teaches an information reproducing method for displaying the same information on plurality of displays in synchronization with one another (Column 3, lines 63 – 67), said method comprising the steps of:

connecting displaying a plurality of terminal devices each said information display for making communications through a network (Column 3, lines 63 – 67);

delivering a first schedule data for recording said information on said plurality of terminal devices;

recording said information on said plurality of terminal devices in accordance with said first schedule data (Column 20, lines 45 – 48);

delivering a second schedule data for reproducing said information on said displays at a time arbitrarily selected by a user from a first terminal device which created said second schedule data to other terminal devices of the plurality of terminal devices through said network; and

instructing terminal device of the plurality of terminal devices which receives said second schedule data to reproduce said information from among previously recorded information in accordance with said second schedule data (Column 20, line 66 – Column 21, line 10).

Regarding claims 2, 7, 12, 18, 22, and 27, Parasnis teaches that a terminal device to receive said information delivered from said first terminal device through said network, when information reproduced in accordance with said second schedule data has been recorded terminal device which receives said second schedule data (Column 20, line 66 – Column 21, line 10).

Regarding claims 3, 8, 13, 19, 23, and 28, Parasnis teaches that schedule data includes unattended-recording data recording predetermined information delivered at predetermined date and time (Column 24, lines 18 – 29).

Regarding claims 4, 9, 14, 17, 24, and 29, Parasnis teaches that said schedule data includes scenario data which special reproduction information together executed

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during reproduction of a lapse of time from a start reproduction (Column 20, line 66 – Column 21, line 10).

Regarding claims 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30, Parasnis teaches the steps of: delivering manipulation data to other terminal devices of the plurality of terminal devices through said network, from a terminal device which executes special reproduction during reproduction said information, said manipulation data including at which the special reproduction is executed, the type of the special reproduction, and a time elapsed from the start of reproduction of said information; and instructing a terminal device which receives said manipulation data to calculate a position at which the special reproduction is started on said information based on said manipulation data, move a scene to said start position, and perform the same type of special reproduction as that performed by said terminal device which transmits said manipulation data from said start position to which the scene is moved (Column 20, line 66 – Column 21, line 10).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-30 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Bates whose telephone number is (571) 272-3980. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 4:30 pm.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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